

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 5 with the following replacement paragraph:

In general, active balancing module 104 includes an active element. In one embodiment, as illustrated in FIG. 1A, the active element is an op-amp device 112. Op amp device 112 includes an op amp 113 that is adapted as a voltage follower. That is, an op amp circuit that uses voltage feedback where the circuit has high input impedance, low output impedance, and voltage gain of 1. As such, if the ~~output 144~~ output 114 of op-amp 113 is connected to its inverting (-) input 116, the output voltage will seek whatever level is necessary to balance the inverting input's voltage with that applied to the non-inverting (+) input 118. If this feedback connection is direct, as in a straight piece of wire, the output voltage will substantially "follow" the non-inverting input's voltage.